

# HAMILTON'S WORK ABSOLUTELY SECRET

Issued No Checks and Kept No Account of Large Sums Paid Out.

## STATEMENT THROWS NO LIGHT ON THE SHORTAGE

Two Witnesses Use Strong Language in Speaking of Insurance Officials.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Andrew Hamilton, the legislative agent for the New York Life Insurance company, who, according to testimony, has been entrusted with hundreds of thousands of dollars by the company, and has not accounted for \$100,000, has been heard from by the legislative committee, but has declined to make an accounting.

## Kept No Accounts.

A statement by Mr. Hamilton was read at the record today. It was presented by Secretary John C. McCall of the New York Life Insurance company, who, according to testimony, has been entrusted with hundreds of thousands of dollars by the company, and has not accounted for \$100,000, has been heard from by the legislative committee, but has declined to make an accounting.

## Offers a Deposit.

Mr. Hamilton went into an explanation of the reasons for organizing this confidential service, as he characterized it, covering his methods of work, and citing the number of legislative bills in which he had been interested. A list of expenses from 1899 to 1904 was appended to the statement. The sum of \$24,000 was offered for the running account, still unaccounted for, he says, would be greatly reduced if he were to make a full accounting.

## McCall Can't Explain.

Secretary McCall was questioned by Mr. Higgins as to what further light he could throw on the statement. He said he could not give any information, but he did not question Mr. Hamilton's figures or the large amounts for traveling expenses. He said he had no explanation to offer for the large amounts for traveling expenses.

## Calls Morgan a Liar.

When Mr. McCall was excused Henry D. Appleton of the State Insurance department, who, according to testimony, has been entrusted with hundreds of thousands of dollars by the company, and has not accounted for \$100,000, has been heard from by the legislative committee, but has declined to make an accounting.

## Thought Burnham a Crook.

The affairs of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company were taken up by the witness, and during this time of examination Mr. Burnham was called in. He testified that he had been entrusted with hundreds of thousands of dollars by the company, and has not accounted for \$100,000, has been heard from by the legislative committee, but has declined to make an accounting.

## PROF. GORDON RESIGNS

President of Howard University Succumbs to Opposition.

## BLOODY CONFLICT CERTAIN

Tennessee Double Tragedy Leads to Armed Uprising.

## Railroad Men Arrive.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—A delegation of railroad men, headed by J. C. Stubbs, arrived here today, to confer tomorrow morning with the Interstate Commerce commission on the proposed new law.

## Mexico Charters Steamer.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 27.—The British steamer "Dulwich" has been chartered for the Mexican government, and will leave for Acapulco tomorrow.

## Mackay's Granddaughter Weds.

PRINCE, Dec. 27.—Princess Bianca Mackay, daughter of Prince John Mackay, was married today to Count Jules de Bonvolont, of the house of Bonvolont.

# BURNS MAKES FIRST ADDRESS OF CAMPAIGN

"Orientalized Imperialism" Is Vigorously Attacked by the Labor Leader.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—John Burns, president of the local Government Board, made his first public address since his entry into the Cabinet, when he opened the election campaign at Battersea tonight.

In a characteristically courageous speech he said his accession to office was the elevation of his constituents to power, and he declared that he would endeavor to do his duty for the benefit of the whole community.

## No Sympathy for Loafers.

Mr. Burns said he had such strong sympathy with all the interests of the working classes that he had no sympathy to spare for the loafer, cadger, or drunkard. His ideal was fewer workhouses, smaller charities, larger wages, more pleasure and less drink.

## Denounces Chinese Labor.

He vigorously attacked what he called "Orientalized imperialism," of which so-called imperialism was the fruit and the "rotten-ripe product." He denounced Chinese labor as being especially dangerous because it would lead to absolute chattel slavery.

## LOSES MONEY ON FERRY

Cost New York \$500 A Day to Own the Line.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—For the privilege of owning its own ferry to Staten Island, the city of New York is paying more than \$500 a day, that being the daily excess of expenses over receipts in the seven weeks since the city took control. From October 25 to December 18 the total expenses were \$107,250 and the receipts \$106,750. This leaves a loss of \$500 a day, for the fifty-four days covered by the statement.

## Causes of Deficit.

Increase in the number of men employed on the boats, increase in the amount of wages as compared with the rate paid when the ferry was under private ownership, and a reduction of one-third in the number of hours of labor, necessitating three shifts instead of two, are chiefly responsible for the deficit.

## No Excursion Profits.

Thus far the number of passengers carried since the city assumed control has averaged 23,038 a day. As the city did not begin operating the ferry until after the summer season was over, it is believed that this average will be largely increased for the year because of the increase in the number of passengers.

## CAPTAIN FATALLY HURT

Explosion of Bromide Gas in Salvation Army Barracks.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—A tank containing bromide gas which was being used to operate a stereograph lantern in the Salvation Army barracks at 633 Halsted street, exploded tonight and fatally injured Captain F. J. Hill, who was working the lantern. His left leg and left arm were blown off, and in addition he was severely bruised and lacerated.

## POISONED BENEFACTOR

Young Man Commits Suicide When Arrested for Crime.

FORT WORTH, Dec. 27.—A special to the Record from San Luis Potosi, Mexico, says that J. C. Hills, wanted in St. Louis, Tex., for the murder of J. D. McGaughey, was arrested there by Deputy Sheriff Dickey and committed suicide by poisoning himself.

## ANOTHER HAZING CASE

Descendant of Commodore Decatur to Be Court-Martialed.

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—Midshipman Stephen Decatur, of Portsmouth, N. H., a member of the first class of midshipmen, is charged with the hazing of a fellow midshipman, and is to be tried by court-martial.

## YERKES CRITICALLY ILL

Hours of Well-Known Chicagoan Appear Numbered.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Charles T. Yerkes of Chicago is critically ill at the Waldorf hotel, being kept constantly under the influence of morphine since his illness began nearly six weeks ago.



## Utah Farmer—Let 'er Snow! It Means Another Bankroll for Me Next Year

## IDAHO RECLAMATION PROJECT APPROVED

Costs \$11,000,000 and Adds Nearly Half to Value of Farm Property.

SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The Secretary of the Interior today approved the Payette-Boise project in Idaho, providing for the irrigation of 572,000 acres at an estimated cost of \$11,000,000, or \$30 an acre.

## Change Face of Nature.

The plans provide for some remarkable changes in the physical conditions of the valleys. Great dams in the Payette and Boise rivers will store the floods of these streams. From the former stream a broad canal, running along a line of foothills and passing through the divide between the rivers, will carry the surplus water to the Boise river.

## MAY BE LOST SEALER

Boats and Wreckage Found on Vancouver Island.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 27.—The light-keeper at Carmanah Point reports finding considerable wreckage, indicating that a sealer has been wrecked on the rocks of Vancouver Island. Five miles west of Carmanah two sealing boats loaded with seals were found, together with a schooner's mast, with part of the rigging attached and part of the hull.

## EXPAND LINDSEY'S WORK

New York Millionaire Would Nationalize Juvenile Court.

SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE. DENVER, Dec. 27.—Judge Ben B. Lindsey, whose work in the juvenile court of the city of Denver has made him famous, has been summoned to New York by one of the city's richest men, whose name the Judge refuses to give.

## EMERSON AS A PROPHET

Harvard Hall Bearing His Name Is Dedicated.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 27.—Emerson Hall, the new home of the philosophical department at Harvard university, and named in honor of Ralph Waldo Emerson, was dedicated today in the presence of the members of the American Philosophical and Psychological association.

## INCREASES JEROME'S VOTE

District Attorney Gains Nearly 5000 by the Re-count.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—District Attorney Jerome's plurality was increased by nearly 5000 over the police returns made on election night by the official returns made public today.

# ACTOR FATALLY SHOT; TROUBLE OVER WOMAN

Charles H. Smith, member of the "Two Johns" theatrical company, was shot and fatally wounded this afternoon by F. C. Cooper of New York, a member of the "Morris Island" company.

# MAYOR OF TUNWATER TELLS HIS STORY

Says He Married Mrs. Leafgreen Under Assumed Name of Howard.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—In today's proceedings in the Probate court in the case of Mrs. Mary Leafgreen, who is suing for one-half of the \$200,000 estate left by Laclede J. Howard, on the contention that she was his wife, William D. Grandon took the stand and testified that he saw Mrs. Leafgreen and Laclede J. Howard conversing together in a prominent dry goods store here in 1903.

# JOY MORTON INJURED

Chicago Man Badly Hurt by Fall From a Horse.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 27.—Joy Morton of Chicago, who, with his family, is spending the winter at the Morton home in Nebraska, was thrown from a horse he was riding today and badly hurt. He has been unconscious for some hours and his condition is pronounced by physicians as attendance to be serious.

# CHARGED WITH MURDER

Professional Bondsman Accused of Coveting Neighbor's Farm.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 27.—William A. Carter, a professional bondsman, was arrested today on an indictment charging him with the murder of Edward J. Greaser, a farmer living south of Des Moines, who was shot through the window of his house.

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# WILL PUSH LAND CASES

Attorney-General Appoints Special Prosecutor at Omaha.

OMAHA, Dec. 27.—R. H. Bush, an attorney of this city, today received notice of his appointment by Attorney-General Cummings as special prosecutor in the land fencing cases, with instructions to proceed with the prosecutions at once and push them vigorously.

# LOAD OF COAL FOR ALICE.

HAZLETON, Pa., Dec. 27.—The members of America have decided to present to Miss Alice Roosevelt as a wedding gift a carload of the best coal that can be found in the anthracite region, in appreciation of her father's services in ending the great strike in 1902.

# HYDE GOES TO DEAR PARIS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—James Hazen Hyde will sail tomorrow on the steamer La Touraine for Paris. He will go to Paris for an indefinite period.

# BERNHARDT APPEALS TO HER EMBASSADOR

Asks M. Jusserand to Aid in the Fight Against Theatrical Trust.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Through her managers, S. M. and Lee Shubert, Sarah Bernhardt, the actress, who is on a farewell tour of this country, today appealed to Mr. Jusserand, the French Ambassador, to protest against what she terms a discrimination of the so-called theatrical syndicate against her as a citizen of France.

# Asked to Voice Protest.

Attention was called to the John Doe proceedings now being brought against the so-called syndicate in New York by District Attorney Jerome, and Mr. Jusserand was asked to voice a protest against the alleged discrimination against the actress.

# Will Review the Record.

Embassador Jusserand asked for a complete record of the case and stated that he will then review the matter with a view to possible instructions to the French Consul in New York to take any action the latter may deem expedient.

# UNCLE SAM'S MEN NEED BETTER PAY

Low Salaries for the Postoffice Clerks Tend to Lower the Standard.

# MUCH EMBARRASSMENT IN THE MINING TOWNS

Prosperity Proven by Money Missives Reaching Dead Letter Office.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—In his annual report, made public today, First Assistant Postmaster-General Hitchcock says that the low salaries paid clerks in first and second-class postoffices is decreasing the standard of efficiency. It is impossible, he says, to induce efficient men to enter this branch of the service when the salary to begin with is but \$600 a year, with no certainty of promotion for perhaps several years.

# Best Type of Postoffice.

Mr. Hitchcock strongly recommends a discontinuance of the practice of installing postoffices in public buildings devoted in part to other branches of the Government service. The best type of quarters for postoffice purposes, he says, is a single large room in a one-story building.

# Mining Towns Embarrassed.

Much embarrassment has been occasioned the postal authorities to provide emergency mail facilities in mining towns and Mr. Hitchcock recommends an emergency appropriation of \$5,000 to meet such requirements.

# Money in Dead Letters.

While the number of undelivered letters which found their way to the dead letter office during the year was smaller than during the previous year, the number of undelivered letters with valuable enclosures greatly increased. General prosperity of the country is given as one reason; another is the influx of office mail from the department of concerns using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

# Mail for Get-Rich Concerns.

Mail for such concerns containing money orders and commercial paper was received at the dead letter office in unusual quantities. Nearly 11,000 pieces of mail were received at the dead letter office during the year, including 16,4 that failed of delivery in the Panama canal zone.

# Flood of Indecent Cards.

Over 1,500,000 cases of alleged indecent and scurrilous matter received attention, in the summer of 1905, and the total postal cards became so great as to call for a special order by the department looking to the abatement of the nuisance. As a result of this order many thousands of objectionable cards have been withdrawn from the mails by postmasters and forwarded to the department for destruction.

# POSTOFFICE AT TOPLIFF

Changes and Appointments for Intermountain States.

SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—A postoffice has been established at Toplift, Tooele county, Utah, special agent Fairfield, Lorenzo, being assigned to the office.

# IS CITED FOR CONTEMPT

Portland & Seattle President Must Show Cause in Court.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 27.—J. Couch Flanders, president and agent in this city of the Portland & Seattle Railroad company, was late today cited to appear before Judge Foster of the State Circuit court and show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court, in disobeying Judge Flanders' order, in disobeying Judge Flanders' order, in disobeying Judge Flanders' order.

# COURT-MARTIAL CONVENES

Trial of Nevada Boy for Hazing Opens Today.

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—Lieut.-Commander William H. Mott, a midshipman, was court-martialed today at the Naval Academy for hazing a fellow midshipman, and the trial will continue tomorrow morning for the trial of Midshipman Mott.

# DANGER IN OIL CARGOES

Steamboat Inspector Warns Against Practice in Vogue.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—In submitting his annual report as supervising inspector-general of the steamboat inspection service, George Thier expresses considerable anxiety regarding the present practice of carrying crude petroleum in passenger steamers in quantities which jeopardize the safety of the ship and passengers. Much of this oil is said to be highly inflammable that it will flash at the ordinary summer temperature of the atmosphere.

# LIGHTNING'S IRONY

Weather Station at Northhead Completely Destroyed.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 27.—The new weather station at Northhead, Wash., was wrecked by lightning Tuesday afternoon. The station was a two-story building, and the lightning struck the top of the building, setting it on fire and destroying it. The station was a two-story building, and the lightning struck the top of the building, setting it on fire and destroying it.